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SUBJECT: ANTI-SEMITISM IN ARGENTINA

1. AMBASSADOR HILL AND ECA OFFICERS MET WITH MORTON ROSEN-  
THAL, DIRECTOR OF THE LATIN AMERICAN OFFICE OF THE ANTI-  
DEFAMATION LEAGUE OF B'NAI B'RITH ON AUGUST 30.  
ROSENTHAL REVIEWED RECENT SPATE OF ANTI-SEMITIC INCIDENTS  
IN ARGENTINA. ACCORDING TO HIS (AND PRESS) REPORTS,  
SYNAGOGUES HAVE BEEN BOMBED, JEWISH SHOPS SHOT UP AND  
THERE HAS BEEN A FLOOD OF ANTI-SEMITIC LITERATURE.  
ROSENTHAL ASKED FOR REPRESENTATIONS BY US EMBASSY TO  
ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT. AMBASSADOR VOICED HIS CONCERN OVER  
THESE INCIDENTS AND PROMISED TO LOOK INTO THIS MATTER AS  
SOON AS HE RETURNED TO BUENOS AIRES. HE ALSO NOTED THAT  
HE WOULD CONSULT WITH ISRAELI AMBASSADOR AND WITH OTHER  
WESTERN AMBASSADORS ABOUT RECRUDESCENCE OF ANTI-SEMITISM  
IN ARGENTINA.

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2. DAVID GELLER OF AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE RAISED SAME SUBJECT WITH DEPTOFFS ON AUGUST 24.

3. AUGUST 30 NEW YORK TIMES ARTICLE BY JUAN DE ONIS REPORTS THAT GOA INTENDS TO BAN PUBLICATION, DISTRIBUTION AND EXPORT OF NAZI LITERATURE IN ARGENTINA. IF SO, DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY CONFIRMATION.

4. DEPARTMENT WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHAT VIDELA GOVERNMENT HAS SAID PUBLICLY ABOUT TERRORISM DIRECTED AT JEWS. THIS SUBJECT HAS ALREADY SURFACED IN CONGRESS AND U.S. PRESS AND COULD GENERATE SIGNIFICANT ADDITIONAL CRITICISM OF ARGENTINA IF ACTION IS NOT TAKEN TO CURB ARGENTINE ANTI-SEMITISM. ROBINSON

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